

22. A chimeric protein comprising a mammalian signal peptide linked to a protein that would normally not be secreted from a mammalian cell, wherein said protein is produced by expressing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 17.--

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 9-22 are pending in the application, with claim 9 being the independent claim. Claims 1-8 are sought to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 9-22 are sought to be added. Support for new claims 9-22 can be found in the original claims and throughout the specification. In particular, support for claim 9 can be found, *inter alia*, in original claim 1; page 2, lines 9-13; and page 4, lines 7-19. Support for claims 10-11 can be found, *inter alia*, in original claims 1 and 3; and page 4, lines 21-29. Support for claims 12-13 can be found in original claim 2; page 2, lines 25-28; page 3, lines 11-12; and page 13, line 11 to page 14, line 13. Support for claims 14-16 and 18-20 can be found, *inter alia*, in original claims 5-7; and page 4, line 26 to page 5, line 11. Support for claim 17 can be found, *inter alia*, in original claim 4; and page 5, lines 17 to page 6, line 2. Support for claims 21-22 can be found, *inter alia*, in original claim 8 and page 5, lines 13-16. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby

petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. .

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